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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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July 25, 1984

Mr. Ed Martelle  
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Dear Mr. Martelle:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information - Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request dated July 5, 1984.

In handling requests for information pertaining to third parties, the Freedom of Information Act, while promoting a spirit of general openness in government, provides specific protection for personal privacy interests through both Exemption 6 and in the context of law enforcement records, Exemption 7 (c). In addition, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a, popularly known as the Privacy Act, specifically prohibits the release of records concerning an individual except upon request by or with the written consent of the individual to whom the record pertains. Consequently, we hold that the records you requested are exempt from disclosure under the above-mentioned exemptions.

If you obtain a notarized authorization from Mary Ann Moorman, directing the release of information to you, please submit the original to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. 20535.

All documents regarding the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination are of a pre-processed nature and available for review only at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C. You must make prior arrangements with FBI Headquarters either by letter or telephone (202/324-5520, FOIPA Branch Front Office), with fortyeight hours advance notice prior to your appearance to review the material.

If you desire, you may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Attention: Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the name of office to which your original request was directed.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas C. Kelly*

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Special Agent in Charge